

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
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5    **Applicant:**                    Alok Srivastava                    **Confirmation No.:** 6477

**Application No:**        10/798,545                    **Group Art Unit:** 2169

**Filed:**                    3/11/2004                    **Examiner:** Paul Kim

10    **Title:** *Method and apparatus for integrating data from external sources into a database system*

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15    Commissioner for Patents  
      Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

20    **Status of the prosecution**

      An RCE in the above patent application was filed on 10/6/2008; claims 1-28 are pending. Applicants received a first Office action in the RCE on 11/20/2008; in the Office action, Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103

25    as obvious over the combination of Levy, U.S. Patent 5,995,961, and Tene, U.S. Patent 6,928,463; the remaining claims were rejected over the combination of Levy, Tene, and Official Notice. Applicants traversed the rejection because Tene's priority date makes it unavailable as a reference against the above patent application. Examiner thereupon mailed a second non-final Office action on 4/28/2009 in which the application was again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103,

30    with a new reference, Malkin, U.S. patent 6,317,795 (henceforth "Malkin") replacing the Tene reference. Applicant is traversing the new rejection and is further amending his claims to clarify the language. The amendments are fully supported by the application as filed and do not materially affect the scope of the claims.

35    **Please amend the claims as follows:**